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2     1. A method of controlling a flow of serial data across an Radio

3           Frequency (RF) barrier of an RF enclosure, comprising:

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5           a processor sending one or more control data using one or more

6           lines of a serial control data bus;

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8           an interface electronics module, receiving the one or more lines

9           of the serial control data bus and selecting one or more signals

10           corresponding to one or more addresses of the one or more

11           lines; and

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13           the interface electronics module, sending the selected one or

14           more signals to an electronics module within the RF enclosure.

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16     2. The method of claim 1, wherein selecting the one or more signals

17           further comprises selecting each signal with a same line value.

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19     3. The method of claim 1, wherein the processor is a microprocessor.

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21     4. The method of claim 1, wherein integrated circuit techniques are

22           used to select the one or more signals.

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2 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the serial control data bus is an SPI  
3 bus.

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5 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more signals are  
6 selected by the processor.

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8 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the interface electronics module  
9 further comprises an RF filtered connector.

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11 8. The method of claim 7, wherein one or more Schmitt trigger input  
12 buffers are used to eliminate potential noise problems caused by  
13 the RF filtered connectors.

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15 9. A structure for controlling a flow of serial data across an Radio  
16 Frequency (RF) barrier of an RF enclosure, comprising:  
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18 a processor, operable to send and receive data, coupled to one  
19 or more lines of a serial control data bus;  
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21 an interface electronics module, operable to select one or more  
22 signals corresponding to one or more addresses of the one or

1                   more lines of the serial control data bus, said RF interface  
2                   module coupled to an RF enclosure; and

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4                   an electronics module physically located within the RF cavity,  
5                   operable to receive the one or more lines selected by the  
6                   interface electronics module, said electronics module coupled to  
7                   the interface electronics module.

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9           10. The structure of claim 9, wherein the interface electronics module  
10           selects each signal with a same line number.

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12           11. The structure of claim 9, wherein the processor is a microprocessor.

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14           12. The structure of claim 9, wherein integrated circuit techniques are  
15           used to select the one or more signals.

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17           13. The structure of claim 9, wherein the serial control data bus is an  
18           SPI bus.

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20           14. The structure of claim 9, wherein the one or more signals are  
21           selected by the processor.

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1        15. The structure of claim 9, wherein an RF filtered connector is  
2                coupled to the interface electronics module and to the RF  
3                enclosure, said RF enclosure providing an interface to the RF  
4                cavity.

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6        16. The structure of claim 15, wherein one or more Schmitt trigger input  
7                buffers are used to eliminate potential noise problems caused by  
8                the RF filtered connectors.

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10       17. The method of claim 1, wherein sending the selected one or more  
11                signals to the electronics module within the RF enclosure is  
12                performed in accordance with a gating functionality of the interface  
13                electronics module.

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15       18. The method of claim 17, wherein the gating functionality is a  
16                temporal gating functionality.

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